Superfluous Nationals Destined to Acquire Polish With Minor League Teams

MANAGER GRIFFITH SEEKS BERTHS FOR EXTRA YOUNGSTERS

Superfluous Lads Will Obtain Polish With Minor Leaguers.

"BUCK" BECKER GIVEN FINE TRAVELING BAG

Howard Shanks Improving After Injury At Park Yes-

By "SENATOR."

Manager Griffith is busily engaged now in obtaining berths for a couple of his superfluous youngsters. He does not mean to let go of them entirely keeping strings attached to them by which he may pull them in next fall for further trials. Tommy Long, the "Gadsden Galloper;" Paul Musser, the Canton pitcher, and either "Buck" Becker or Joe Boehling, the portside flingers, will probably go back for a little more polishing before taking their places under the maintop, but Griffith has yet to find good landing places for

In tomorrow's game in Baltimore Akers and Becker may be given chance to show their class. Griffith will hardly keep two southpaws, but does not want to make a miscue in choosing be tween Becker and Boehling.

The Nationals, carded to work tomor row against Jack Dunn's Baltimore Orioles at Back River Park, will leave the Union Station at 11 o'clock, dining at the Kernan and then leaving for the at the Kernan and then leaving for the ball field. After the game they will be hurried in taxicabs to the Pennsylvania station in time to catch the Colonial Express for Boston. A private car will take the team to the land of the succulent baked bean, all those players not being used in Baltimore boarding it here at 5:35 o'clock.

aHndbag For Becker.

"Buck" Becker, pride of the Navy Yard, was presented with a handsome leather traveling bag yesterday before the game by Charlie Long, Will Mc-Lean, Billy Dix, Jim Sullivan, and John McCarthy, friends of his. E. Lawrence Philips made the presentation address in oratorical style, and Becker replied shortly, but sultably. But for the pesky

shortly, but sultably. But for the pesky rules of the league the presentation would have taken place at the home plate before the assembled thousands. Howard Shanks is reported improved today. He is confined to his room at the Dewey, as the result of sticking his head in the way of one of Joe Engel's wild pitches yesterday in the batting practice before the game. Dr. Edward Larkin, the club physician, is caring for him, and he has hopes for his complete recovery. Shanks has a slight concussion of the brain, but is expected to be up and doing within a week.

Guy Johnson, the semi-pro twirler from Vandalla, Ill. has been sent to Bill Coughlin's Allentown club of the Tri-State League for further development in the fine art of mystifying batsmen. He left at 12:30 this morning, and

men. He left at 12:30 this morning, and if he improves in the minor league town will return to the Nationals in the fall. Manager Griffith will take twenty-two

players to Boston tomorrow, Musser, Boehling, and Shanks being left behind. Tommy Long, who did not make the trip to Philadelphia and New York, will replace Shanks, and may be given an opportunity of disproving the assertion that he has a glass arm.

Senatorial Snapshots

Today's game at 3:30 o'clock. Brown's slow ball was soft for the

Eight breezings in one day is not so bad for the "Kansas Cyclone."

"Zeb" Milan was given the sympathy of the fair sex when he soiled his new

Frank Baker didn't like the wet ground around third and kept complaining about the softness of the turf.

Megaphones were plentiful all over the stand and the hoarse cries of the root-ers carried far out to the sunseats.

Walter Johnson's two base knocks were beauties, the ball going off the bat with a ringing sound good to the

Ben Egan, the Athletics' newest back-stop, looked very good to father. He has an excellent arm and held up his pitcher in good style

"Daredevil Dan" Moeller had hard luck with his hitting, twice slamming hard ones to Oldring. His brilliant run-ning catch showed his caliber as a

Eddie Foster had rather a quiet day around the red light corner, but he proved his worth when he galloped over to the pavillon in the soft to the pavillon in the soft mud and grabbed Strunk's foul.

Reserved seats may be obtained at Henderson's, 1432 New York avenue; Adams', Ninth and G'streets; Saks & Adams, Ninth and G streets; Saks & Co., Seventh street and Pennsylvania ayenue, and at T. Arthur Smith's office, 1227 F street. It is expected that many downtown fans will avail themselves of this opportunity of getting their pasteboards without journeying all the way to the ball park. the way to the ball park.

Johnson has not been scored on now fn twenty innings. Jack Barry is the last man to have scored on him, crossing the plate in the sixth inning of the opening game in Philadelphia, April II. He whitewashed the Highlanders Monday in New York, and the Athletics

George McBride's gameness is causing much comment by the fans. His
right leg is badly cut from Josh Devore's spikes in the first Giant exhibition game, but he refuses to stay out
of the game. Trainer Mique Martin is
giving the wound his most careful atand hopes to have the captain in good shape in another week.

"Chic" Green, who remembered the scribes at Charlottesville this spring with a gift of mineral water, was at the park in his glad regalia and pulling for the Nationals. "Tice" Madigan, anfor the Nationals. "Tice" Madigan, another rooter from Rooterstown, accompanied him, and they were both very happy at the ending of the struggle.

Grand Transformation Scene When W. Johnson Makes Monkeys Out of White Elephants



JOHNSON PUZZLES **MACK'S ATHLETICS**

Nationals Win Opening Game of 1912 Campaign by Clouting Opposing Twirler and Speedy Work on the Paths-Score, 6 to 0.

By "SENATOR."

The Score :

WASHINGTON.

AB H.O.A.E

Moeller, ff. . 6 0 4 0 0 Strunk, ff. . 4 1 1 0 0

Foster, 3b. . 3 0 1 2 1 Oldring, cf. 4 0 2 0 0

Milan, cf. . 3 1 1 0 1 Colling, 2b. . 3 1 2 2 0

Schaefer, ff 4 2 2 0 0 Baker, 3b. . 2 0 1 4 2

Flynn, lb. . 4 2 7 1 0 Murphy, ff. 4 0 0 0 0

Knight, zb. . 2 0 1 2 0 McInnes, lb. 4 0 11 0 0

McBride, ss. 4 2 1 3 0 Barry, ss. . 3 1 1 1 0

Ainsmith.c 4 1 9 1 0 Egan, c. . . . 3 0 6 4 0

Johnson, p. . 4 2 1 2 0 Brown, p. . 2 0 0 4 0

Totals ... 33 10 27 12 2 Totals ... 31 3 24 15

Runs-Schaefer, Flynn (2) Knight, MoBride (2) Left on bases-Washington, 9;
Athletics, 6. First base on balls-Off Johnson, 2; off Brown, 5. Struck out-By Johnson, 8; by Brown, 3. Two-base hit-Ainsmith,
Sacrifice hit-Knight. Double play-Brown,
Egan, and McInnes. Wild pitch-Johnson
Passed ball-Ainsmith. Umpires-Messrs.
O'Loughlin and Westervelt. Time of game—
1 hour and 43 minutes.

Earl Campazzi, the crack Georgetown

Baseball Practice

Campazzi Reports for

When Walter Johnson is going right there is little chance for the enemy. That's why the Nationals, before a pitifully small crowd of shivering fans, won the opening contest of the season with a solid drive to right, sending Schaefer to third, and Brown filled the corners by passing Jack Knight. That's why the Nationals, before a pitifully small crowd of shivering fans, won the opening contest of the season of 1912. The world's champion Philadelphia Athletics were humbled to the tune of 6 to 0. They never got a man as far as third until the sixth inning, and he was the only visitor to reach that corner. Johnson had the champs dining from his dainty digits throughout the afterncon.

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It was hardly a good day for the
opener. Frigid blasts swept about the
massive grandstand. Men and women
shivered and grinned, knowing their
neighbors were also snivering, though
grinning. Emory Titman, the Philadelphia mastodon, who accompanies the
world's champions whereve they go
this year, seemed the one comfortable
man in the throng.

The playing field was soft and miry,
causing J. Franklin Baker and "Daredevil Dan" Moeller considerable hervousness. Eaker trod the turf as if
strolling en eggs, while Moeller was
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strolling on eggs, while Moeller was careful to jump lightly over several bad patches in his pasture. But that sun shone, and that was something.

Brown To Rubber.

C. Mack kept his prize beauty, "Iron Jawn" Coombs blanketed in the stable, sending Brown, the lengthy rightly rightly ander the first and McInnes' fly in the seventing of the applause follow-

sending Brown, the lengthy righthander from the Connecticut League, to the box for his first exhibition against a nujer league team. It was a painful Down here you have the detailed dope: nuijor league team. It was a painful exhibition.

The Nationals, just to show their improvement over last year, whacked and banged the delivery of the visiting hurler until he wavel peevish. Try as he might he could not prevent those stinging lengles from bouncing off the war clubs of the home boys. They just had to get 'em that was all. One session passed on its way without anything startling, but the heavens fell in on Brown in the second, though only one run was scored. Jack Flynn opened the chapter with a stinging crash to center for a sack. Though the Athletics' infield played in, Jack Knight laid down a beautiful sacrifice that rolled along toward first base, and shoved Flynn up another peg.

George McBride, who is fast becoming one of our very best little biffers, worked the hit-and-run with Flynn, bouncing a bingle to left that sent the first run of the campaign. There was a loud shout and screams of delight from the sun gods in the garden. Ainstitute in the sun gods in the garden. Ainstitute in the sun gods in the garden. Ainstitute in the sun gods in the garden. improvement over last year, whacked from the sun gods in the garden. Ain-smith's roller to Brown killed McBride at the midway, but Walter Johnson splashed a single into the mud in left. It was hard luck that prevented Dan Moeller from singling, his victous liner carrying clear to "Rube" Oldring, end-

It was hard luck that prevented Dan Moeller from singling, his victous liner carrying clear to "Rube" Oldring, ending the fun.

Score In Fourth.

The second tally of the battle rolled over the pan in the fourth, and again McBride was a prominent actor in the melee. With Knight out of the way, the Nationals' leader bounced a rousing single to left, advancing a sack, while Collins got Ainsmith at first. Working beautifully with Walter Johnson, McBride was off on wings the moment Walter got hold of the pellet, and hammered his second single of the fray, this one going over second at the rate of a mile a minute. Of course, lice Bride scored.

The fifth was the distrous session for Mr. Brown and his ragtime violing Baker grabbed Foster's screeching liner and Collins camped under Millan's little pop near the box. Then came the fun,

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs. New York Games Today.

Philadelphia at Washington, Cleveland at Detroit. New York at Boston. Chicago at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Results. Washington, 6; Philadelphia, 0.
New York-Boston-Rain.
Cleveland-Detroit-Wet Grounds
Chicago-St. Louis-Rain. NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Standing of the Clubs.

There was no more scoring by the Nationals, but the game was safe and Johnson just rolled along to exultant victory. He whiffed eight of the champs without apparently extending himself. Only three bingles were made off his efforts, Strunk, Collins, and Barry be-Games Today. St. Louis at Pittsburgh.

Brooklyn at New York.

Boston at Philadelphia. Cincinnati at Chicago

New York, 6; Philadelphia, 9. Brooklyn, 2; Boston 5. St. Louis-Pittsburgh—Wet Grounds. Cincinnati-Chicago—Wet Grounds.

Yesterday's Results.

Minor League Results. Eastern League. Rochester, 4; Providence, 1, Toronto, 1; Jersey City, 2 Buffalo, 4; Newark, 5. Montreal, 2; Baltimore, 12

American Association. St. Paul, 2; Columbus, 5, Minneapolis, 3; Toledo, 5, Kansas City, 1; Indianapolis, 7, Louisville, 2; Milwaukee, 9.

Virginia League. Richmond, 6; Petersburg, 0. Danville, 4; Newport News, 6, Roanoke, 12; Lynchburg, 3, Norfolk, 9; Portsmouth, 8.

South Atlantic League. At Macon-Macon, 4; Columbus, 3. At Jacksonville-Jacksonville, 3; Sav-At Albany-Albany, 4; Columbus, 3.

Southern League. At Mobile-Mobile, 3; Montgomery, 0, At Nashville-Nashville, 2; Chattanooga, 5. At Memphis-Memphis-Atlanta, rain. At New Orleans-New Orleans, 2; Bir-

Big League Biffers of a Day

1.A	B	H.	Pet
Shafer, Giants		1	1.00
Daubert, Brooklyn		4	.80
Luderus, Phillies		3	.75
Graham, Phillies		3	- 96
Titus, Phillies	3	2	.66
Merkle, Glants		3	.66
Murray, Glants	4	2	.50
Devore, Giants	4	2	.50
Devlin, Boston	4	53	.50
Schaefer, Nationals	4	2	.50
Flynn, Nationals	4	2	.50
McBride, Nationals.,	4	2	.50
Johnson, Nationals .	4	3	.50
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MAY OPERATE ON MANAGER DOOIN

Charley Dooin Is Suffering From Intussusception of Twisted Intestine-Physicians Are Apprehensive Over His Condition.

PHILADELPHIA, April 20.—The condition of Charley Doeln, manager of the Phillies, was still serious today, but the peppery little manager insists he will not sanction an operation.

He is suffering from an intussusception of a twisted intestine, and physi-

cians fear an operation may be impera-

It was this disease that killed Mike Powers after the opening game of the season in 199, and fears are entertained that Dooin, because of his refusal to undergo the operation may jeopardize his own chances. Catchers are par-ticularly susceptible to such a condi-tion, and Dooin admits that after a hard game he sometimes suffers intensely be-cause of the pain in his side. His fam-ily wants him to submit to the knife, but he is still firm tonight in his belief that other measures will pull him through without surgery.

Virginia Encouraged With Recent Showing

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 20 .-The University of Virginia is looking forward confidently to the final game of the series with the University of North Carolina, which is reheduled to take place at Danville at some future date. Eppa Rixey yesterday blanked the Parheels, winning the fourth game of the series for the Orange and Blue, and tying up on the contests thus far play-

tying up on the contests thus far played. The fifth and deciding game is looked forward to by Virginia by virtue of the fact that Rixey was able to win his game yesterday.

Virginia put up one of the best games of the season, and is in great shape to meet Georgelown on Wednesday next. Rixey and Lee, who worked for Carolina, indulged in a duel for honors, Rixey holding the Tarheels to four scattered hits. Neff and Douglas, for Virginia, broke through Lee's defense for three hits each, while Finlay, Virginia's catching star, got two hits and stole two bases.

Mathewson Presented With Car by Fans

NEW YORK, April 20.-Christy Mathewson is today the proud possessor of a \$4,500 automobile bought by contributions of the fans. The car was presented at the game yesterday and Matty responded by beating Brooklyn by 6 to . Both teams indulged in a batting fest, New York making thirteen and Brooklyn 14. Matty kept the hits scattered and won with the lead obtained by the Glants in the first inning. The

Brooklyn... 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-214 New York.. 3 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 x-613 Batteries-Schardt, Rucker and Erwin

Phillies Grab First From Boston Club

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 20 .- Fans are hoping for warmer weather for the game today following the opener yesterday, which the Phillies captured fren Boston by 9 to 5 in a game replete with many hits and errors. It was too cold to play good baseball, and a small crowd was on hand to watch hostilities Both pitchers were hit hard. The score:

Roston 1 0 0 2 0 0 2 0 0—5 10 Philadelphia 0 0 7 1 0 1 0 0 x—9 11 Batteries-Donnelly, Mattern, Kling; Alexander and Graham,

GAYETY.

BIG WRESTLING EVENT

TONIGHT

DR. BEN ROLLER,

OF SEATTLE, Heavy-weight Wrestler, AGREES TO THROW

JOE TURNER

Middle-weight Champion of the World

TWICE IN 45 MINUTES

WINNER TO TAKE ALL

JOHNSON'S RECORD EQUALED BY BUT TWO BOX ARTISTS

Won Twenty-three Games After Getting a Miserable Start.

Off to a moth-eaten start in 1911 brough poor condition, Walter Johnson blew himself in twenty-three victories by October with a team in sev-

Only two American League slabmen beat his mark, and both were upon clubs far higher in the fight. Jack Coombs wrenched off twenty-eight wins nd Ed Walsh nicked twenty-seven. But in 1912 the Idaho Smoke is wastng no precious time with a water-

ogged beginning. He lost his opener to Mack's outfit, but in his second start, against the Yanks, looked better than he has ever shown at this early stage of the frolic. Griff believes his premier will cop thirty victories by the windup, and Griff's dope isn't very far off the trail. The big fellow, by whitewashing the Athletics yesterday, has won two out of three games pitched so far. And he's on his way.

Eastern High Nine

Shows Nervousness

Followers of high school baseball, but nore especially those interested in the inter-high school championship series, will wait for the Central-Tech game, scheduled for Tuesday next, before naking any comparisons on the strength of the teams after yesterday's Eastern-Western contest at Union League Park. Western won by a score of 10 to 5, making all its runs in the first three innings and taking advantage of the nervousness of the Eastern team.

Eastern did not get going until late in the game, being blanked for four innings, and scoring only in the fifth, seventh, and ninth rounds. Once in awhile Eastern showed that it had a team of capabilities, but the game was practically lost at the start, and Western, with a ten-run lead, took things

Little difference in batting strength existed, and the Red and White was able by better fielding to hold Eastern down during the game. The Red and White pitcher did well in striking out nine batters, although he uncorked a wild pitch and walked six men. John-son, for Eastern, received poor support, his team failing in the first part of the

game.

Just what Central and Tech will do on Tuesday will go far toward showing the relative strength of the four teams. Business is yet to be heard from, and plays next Friday. The score:

Western 6 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 x +10 10 1 Eastern 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 0 2 - 5 9 5

Batteries: Loomis and Lehman; Johnson and Cahill.

Dislocates Shoulder.

CHICAGO, April 20 .- "Billy" Sullivan's collarbone is not broken. X-ray examination here today of the Chicago catcher's shoulder, which was injured in a game at St. Louis yesterday, showed that the shoulder blade merely was dislocated. Physicians said he would be able to resume playing in

Getting Results



News Item: At Fargo, North Dakota, a tobacco merchant was visited very regularly by a cigar thief, who apparently came down the coal chute. He contrived an original trap by inserting several stout fish hooks on the surface of the chute registry upward. Needless the chute points upward. Needless to say he got results.

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